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In re Application of: Koichiro Hori et al.
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Sir:

AMENDMENT "B"

Responsive to the Official Action mailed 18 February 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 22, 28, 30, 33, and 35.

Amend the original claims as follows:

1. **(Twice Amended)** An instrument for viewing a surgical site comprising
a shaft having proximal and distal ends and an internal passageway;
a first support member attached to and projecting from [one of] said
[proximal and] distal end[s] of said shaft;

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